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TASK FORCE TO RESOLVE TAX RELATED PROBLEMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has agreed to a proposal of exporters to set up a high level task force to bring about greater coordination and resolve numerous tax-related problems;

(b) if so, the composition of the task force;

(c) whether the Federation of Indian Exporter Organisation also proposed to declare gateway ports as sleepless ports, similar to the Shanghai port in China, for expediting clearance of cargo round the clock;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government;

(e) whether the exporters also suggested to create a separate fund for greater market access and a single nodal agency for* exporters; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b) Government has agreed to set up sector specific task forces consisting of officers from Department of Commerce, Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance to examine the problems being faced by exporters in the sectors concerned.

(c)(d),(e)&(i) No such proposal was made in the meeting of Chairpersons of leading Export Promotion Councils and other leading exporters with the Government on 24.01.2006.